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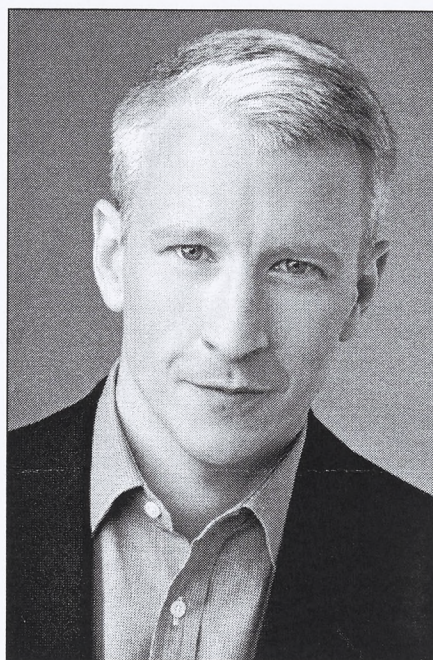
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Cooper to Speak at Scholarship Lunch *OPC Foundation Program Keeps Growing*

By Jane Reilly

Anderson Cooper, anchor of the nightly CNN news program "Anderson Cooper 360°," will be the keynote speaker at the annual OPC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, February 16 at the Yale Club. At the event, the Foundation will award \$24,000 in scholarships to 12 graduate and undergraduate college students aspiring to become foreign correspondents. The scholarship recipients who emerged from an incredibly competitive field are from Columbia University, Duke University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, London School of Economics, New York University, Northwestern, University of California at Berkeley, University of Southern California, University of Missouri, Vassar College and Yale University.

The OPC Foundation scholarship program has grown dramatically in the last 17 years and is now considered the most prominent scholarship program in the country for aspiring correspondents. The awards are given in the names of eminent journalists and media organizations. Besides addressing a distinguished audience of more than 200 luncheon guests, the scholarship winners also tour different news organizations, hosted by Bill Holstein, OPC Foundation president.



Anderson Cooper

On the night before the luncheon, Reuters will host a special reception for the winners at its Times Square headquarters. For many, says Holstein, the opportunity to meet and observe prominent journalists in action is as valuable as any monetary awards.

In 2007 the Foundation will expand its internship program, which began last year with the Associated Press. Last fall, the 2006 Stan Swinton Scholarship winner, Ayesha Akram of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, spent a month in the AP's Bangkok bureau and covered Thailand's coup d'état. The Foundation this year will also fund an internship at a Reuters bureau in Latin America and at the English-language newspaper, *Cambodia Daily*, in Phnom Penh.

Holstein is especially pleased that Cooper will be addressing this year's winners. Cooper, who joined CNN in

December 2001, served as CNN's weekend anchor before moving to primetime in March 2003 following the war in Iraq and then to a two-hour, late evening timeslot in November 2005 following Hurricane Katrina. Since joining CNN, Cooper has anchored major breaking news stories. He traveled to Sri Lanka to cover the tsunami, was in Baghdad for the Iraqi elections, and also anchored much of CNN's live coverage of the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. Before joining CNN, Cooper was an ABC News correspondent and host of the network's reality program, "The Mole." Cooper anchored ABC's live, interactive news and interview program, "World News Now," as well as providing reports for "World News Tonight," "20/20" and "20/20 Downtown."

Because of the number of applications and quality of talent, judging for this year's awards was especially intense. Holstein is grateful to the dedicated panel of judges who showed up on the coldest morning of the winter to pour over each application: OPC Foundation Board members Linda Goetz Holmes, Felice Levin, Jeremy Main and Rosalind Massow, as well as OPC member Josephine Lyons, and OPC Foundation Executive Board members Jacqueline Albert-Simon, Jack Corporon, Sally Jacobsen of the AP, Steve Swanson of the *Chicago Tribune*, and Betty Wong of Reuters.

Invitations to the luncheon will be mailed after January 1. Luncheon tickets are \$65 for OPC members and \$100 for non-members. The Foundation encourages media and corporate support at its two levels of giving: Patrons, a table of 10 for \$5,000; and Friends, a table of 10 for \$2,000. All proceeds benefit the OPC Foundation. For further information, contact Jane Reilly at 201-493-9087 or foundation@opcofamerica.org.

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What We Do: How the OPC Freedom of the

By Kevin McDermott

Several years ago a friend of mine was working in Sierra Leone. Passing a sort of newsstand in the lobby of his hotel he was astonished to see that the front page of *For Di People* newspaper carried a reproduction of a letter from the press freedom committee of the Overseas Press Club of America. The letter was on behalf of the paper's editor, Paul Kamara, in jail at the time awaiting trial on a charge of "seditious libel." Kamara's crime was mentioning in an article that Sierra Leone's president had been accused of fraud in 1968 while serving as finance minister.

That was a hopeful moment for the members of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee. To be candid, the committee doesn't have an abundance of hopeful moments in its work on behalf of journalists in jeopardy around the world. Indeed, despite our protests Paul Kamara was later sentenced to two years in jail on the libel charge. (In 2005 his stand-in as editor of *For di People*, Harry Yansaneh, died of injuries suffered in a beating many still believe was ordered by a member of Sierra Leone's parliament.)

The absence of hopeful moments never means the absence of hope, nor the absence of desire to be a thorn in the side of governments that feel threatened by free expression. We consider our message received if return mail from our target brings an angry denial of our com-

plaints. That means we got under someone's skin, perhaps advancing the cause of free expression just a little.

When he recruited me for the press-freedom committee Norman Schorr (a former OPC board member and a founder of Amnesty International in the United States) urged me to keep in mind the great value in simply reminding the enemies of free expression that someone watches what they do. That's especially true in countries that value their reputations as modern societies—places like the Philippines and Mexico, two democracies that have seen shocking deterioration in public and institutional respect for a free press in the past two years.

In recent months assaults on press freedom have been in the spotlight: Killings, kidnappings and arrests of journalists covering the war in Iraq. China's continuing crackdown on dissent (even as it seeks to put on a happy face in advance of the 2008 Olympics). Unending violence—including murder—visited on our colleagues in the Philippines. In Russia last autumn, nine separate abuses of journalists were reported in a little over a month, underlining Vladimir Putin's vigorous reversal on respect for human rights in Russia. The nadir was the murder of Anna Politkovskaya, a great reporter who was the first winner of OPC's Artyom Borovik award for courageous journalism in Russia in 2000.

Doing triage

Even before 2006 ended, it was already the deadliest year for journalists since 1994, with 55 killed by mid-December. In November alone, members of the press freedom committee were assigned cases of abuse in 17 countries, some involving multiple incidents of mistreatment.

We gather our intelligence from many sources, including OPC members, press accounts and a worldwide network of watchdog groups. These include at least 16 organizations, some small and specialized like the Arab Press Freedom Watch or Kazakhstan's Adil Soz, others covering the globe like the International Federation of Journalists or the World Association of Newspapers. Our richest sources are the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) and Reporters Without Borders (RSF), both of which field full-time staff to seek out and verify mistreatment of journalists.

Information from all these sources is compiled every month by the dedicated Susan Schorr, daughter of our co-chairman and guiding spirit, Norman Schorr. Her digest of abuses just for this past November ran 11 pages and covered 51 separate countries. With its limited staff of volunteers, the press-freedom committee could act on only the most egregious cases.

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Press Committee Fights for Journalists

cases to the committee's volunteers, who use all available sources to gather facts and arguments. The protests they write vary in style depending on the individual writer, who has considerable leeway in arguing a case. But in all cases, we are respectful and deliberate in addressing our targets on the theory that we are not hectoring but attempting to persuade. Besides addressing the case in hand, the composer of a protest develops contact information for others who receive copies of the letters, including the US ambassador to the country involved, the country's ambassador to Washington and its UN representative, as well as local media in the country. Each letter is reviewed and edited by the co-chair who assigned it, assuring that no letter goes out without being seen by at least two pairs of eyes. OPC staffer Boots Duque distributes each letter to its recipients and to an active web of media watchdogs, government officials and press contacts.

Health risks

The list of countries dangerous to the health of reporters includes all the well-known offenders. China, not surprisingly, is the leading jailer of journalists in the world. A surprising second is Cuba, which had to overcome a significant size disadvantage to secure that ranking. Colombia, meanwhile, remains among the most risky places on the planet for working journalists. Two Colombian reporters were murdered in 2006, and the killing of a third remains unconfirmed. Seven fled the country for their lives.

Russia under Putin grows more alarming by the month. Since he assumed the presidency, 13 Russian journalists have been assassinated, and no one has been punished for any of these killings. The murder of Polikovskaya was only the most recent and most shocking.

The conflict in Iraq leads the list of deadly reporting assignments, with 32 dead in 2006. Wars, of course, are violent and it's not only reporters who get hurt in them. The OPC has concentrated on trying to assure respect for the essential role of a free press even in wartime.

For example, in an exchange with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki in late November, the committee objected to the detention without formal legal charges of Kalshan al-Bayati, a correspondent for *Al-Hayat*. Although al-Bayati was eventually released, her per-

sonal computer, passport, notes and ID papers were confiscated, and she was forbidden to leave the country. At the time of her arrest, *Al-Hayat* quoted Al-Bayati as saying security forces investigated her for possible ties to insurgents; they found none. The OPC also joined RSF in condemning an Iraqi government decision to close two privately owned TV stations, Al-Zaura and Salah-Eddin, for allegedly "inciting violence and murder" by broadcasting footage of protests against a death-sentence verdict in the first trial of former President Saddam Hussein.

The committee has also kept up an active correspondence with the government of the United States in past several years on issues ranging from the status of journalists covering the Iraq war to the intimidation of reporters covering such high-profile stories as the warrantless wiretapping program or the investigation of steroid use by professional athletes. Most recently, we reminded outgoing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that at least 17 journalists and media staffers have been killed in Iraq by U.S. military forces, and that many of these killings were apparently targeted attacks that have gone unpunished. We suggested that before he leaves office, he should order an end to this "high-handed treatment of journalists that undermines America's credibility and its stated goals of freedom and the rule of law."

Most of our protests address cases that never get international headlines. A sampling of several instances in just the past few months is striking for the harm done to journalists reporting stories that in open societies are routine and probably buried on the insides of most newspapers.

- In Nigeria an appellate court refused to dismiss sedition charges against Rotimi Durojaiye of the *Daily Independent* because he was not sufficiently "remorseful." The charges against Durojaiye stem from a June 12 article exposing the fact that the presidential jet, officially reported as newly purchased from Boeing, was actually secondhand.

- In Uzbekistan Nosir Zokirov, a journalist with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, was given six months in prison for "insulting" a security officer with questions about the manner in which the government put down a demonstration in Andijan.

- In Gabon *Les Echos du Nord*, a pri-

Journalists Killed in 2006

Afghanistan: 3
China: 1
Columbia: 2
India: 1
Indonesia: 1
Iraq: 32
Lebanon: 1
Mexico: 2
Pakistan: 2
Philippines: 3
Russia: 2
Somalia: 1
Sri Lanka: 1
Sudan: 1
Turkmenistan: 1
Venezuela: 1
Total of confirmed killings: 55
There were an additional 27 unconfirmed killings.
Source: Committee to Protect Journalists, Dec. 18, 2006

vately owned newspaper in Libreville, was suspended by the National Council of Communications for running an article describing the government's handling of a territorial dispute with Equatorial Guinea over the sovereignty of the oil-rich Mbanié islet. The criminal charge was "contempt for the image of the nation and its territorial integrity".

A phrase you'll often find in the press-freedom committee's letters to heads of state is that "the Overseas Press Club of America has worked for more than 65 years to encourage and protect freedom of expression." This is exactly the sort of work the OPC was created for in 1939. With so many of our colleagues in real danger around the world, we can use more help. If you'd like to join us we'd like to have you. I invite you to write to me at KevinMcDermott@CollectIntel.com.

Kevin McDermott is co-chair of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee along with Larry Martz and Norman A. Schorr. Other members of the committee include Jacqueline Albert-Simon, David Alpern, George Bookman, Bill Collins, Yvonne Dunleavy, Dorinda Elliott, Jeremy Main, John Martin, Cait Murphy, Kristina Shevory and Minky Worden.

Chasing the Future in China's Wild East

FROM THE FIELD: SHENZHEN, CHINA

by Austin Ramzy

The air was shirt-soakingly hot, and as the cab headed west to an outlying industrial zone, I found myself drifting off into an uncomfortable sleep. Luckily, the driver knew the way. Like so many people in the southern Chinese boomtown of Shenzhen, he was an outsider. He had lived in the remote industrial district we were visiting when he first arrived from the interior province of Hunan. I awoke with a start as he deposited us at a dusty street corner surrounded by low buildings. I couldn't find this spot on a map, but it was obvious where we were: the chaotic heart of China's booming economy.

We crossed an intersection and found the shop foreman we planned to meet. He showed us into a grungy industrial building with a poorly lit elevator. As it climbed, we heard strange noises. We stopped at one floor, and the doors opened to reveal a near riot on a factory floor. In the low light a large group of workers appeared to be screaming at an impassive manager. Two people got out of the elevator. The doors closed, and we continued up to the factory we were visiting, a different company on a higher floor.

"What was that?" I asked the foreman.

He stared at me blankly. "What?"

"That," I said, pointing in the direction of the sound of the shouting disappearing below our feet.

"Oh, just an argument," he said, rubbing his fingers together to indicate the cause was money.

"Does that happen often?"

"Often," he said.

I'd come to Shenzhen with my colleague, *Time* magazine's Hong Kong-based business correspondent, Michael Schuman, to document the latest stage in the development of the mainland's most prosperous boomtown. Shenzhen, which was named a special economic zone in 1979, has in the 27 years since grown from a small town of 30,000 on the border of Hong Kong to a city of more than 13 million, which has one of the highest per capita GDPs in the country at \$7,500. Shenzhen has long been a model for China's economic development. We wanted to see how the city was growing out of the cheap manufacturing that made it rich and into high-tech enterprises.

That sent us to the headquarters of Tencent, China's largest instant messaging service. Though only a few miles from the factory blocks we also visited, it was worlds away. The office was full of eager young techies who had traveled from elite colleges in China's major cities to find opportunity in the south. In a town where everyone is from somewhere else, Tencent founder and CEO Pony Ma is a rarity. He is almost a Shenzhen native, having come as a boy from Hainan Island near Vietnam after his father took a job in Shenzhen's port. Just 35, he looked even younger. A roll-out putting green sat on the floor by his desk. But his only real hobby is computers, an aide told us. As



A view of Shenzhen

we sat in Ma's spacious, spartan office, he described riding his bike to school in the 1980s and watching the city's first office building being built. The World Trade Tower was said to rise by one floor every three days. Hyperbole, most likely, but a sign of the drive the town still has today.

The influx of money to Shenzhen—some of Tencent's engineers make \$5,000 a month, whereas most Chinese farmers earn less than \$1,000 a year—has helped fill the city with luxury boutiques, massive shopping malls and exclusive clubs. And city officials are trying to clean up the old sweatshop image. They are encouraging polluting and low wage factories to move north to poorer interior regions. At the same time Shenzhen is promoting science and technology and plans to invest \$1.25 billion over the next five years to support innovative companies. Later that day we visited a biomedical company that was the first in the world to secure regulatory approval for a gene therapy drug.

But Shenzhen is not all boyish tycoons of industry plotting the future from science park aeries or scientists designing new medicines in their labs. The massive numbers of people migrating from the

countryside have led to growing crime in the city, and a police force still too small to catch up. When we left our hotel for dinner that night, we had to pass through a gauntlet of prostitutes and madams who flock to the downtown business district. Two days later I got another taste of Shenzhen's lawless side when my bag was stolen while I asked for directions in a Starbucks. I told the staff, who responded that I should really be more careful with my stuff. In the bag were my notes for the Shenzhen story and another piece on Hong Kong, my interview tapes and my iPod. I searched the garbage cans outside. Perhaps the thief didn't want a bunch of notebooks, but they were nowhere to be found.

For the rest of the day I had to scribble on the back of a sheet of paper. We had one last key spot to visit: the Shenzhen labor market, a multistory building where visitors come looking for entry- and mid-level management and engineering jobs. Outside we met several young people looking for work, most of them having come to town just days or even hours before. At the door

Schuman and I bought 50-cent entrance tickets, took the blank application forms we were handed, and walked inside. The halls were quiet. More people have been choosing to stay and work in interior provinces, where wages are climbing. Those that do come are now more likely to be higher skilled, and looking for better jobs. Despite the light turnout at the job market, we attracted crowds whenever we tried to interview recruiters. They would answer our questions for a few minutes, but then clammed up once they noticed the throng gathering around to hear them talk with the foreigners.

Eventually, Schuman and I split up. I spoke with a recruiter who complained about the problems her company faces as the city changes. People once flocked to Shenzhen from the countryside for the chance at prosperity offered by a well-paying factory job. But now, the recruiter lamented, she can't keep line jobs filled, even though the monthly starting wage of \$250 is twice what it was two years ago. In Shenzhen, getting rich is still glorious, but working in a clothing factory clearly isn't.

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ALBANY, New York:

OPC member **Andy Rooney** and author **Herman Melville** attended the same high school in Albany, although a century apart. A teacher at that school arranged a 24-hour reading of Melville's "Moby Dick" by 150 people. Rooney read the last chapter and wrote in his weekly newspaper column in November: "Herman Melville himself might be surprised to find that 'Moby Dick' is considered to be the greatest novel ever written in the English language. I'm impressed by it but it isn't my favorite book. Melville too often gets carried away with his own words and I don't know what he's talking about sometimes. When 'The Great White Whale' is there, I understand."

AMSTERDAM: Dutch reporters **Bart Mos** and **Joost de Haas** were released after three days in jail for refusing to disclose their sources in a trial of a former secret agent charged with leaking information about an organized crime gang. The daily *De Telegraaf* reporters had written an article about the affair, and a Dutch judge ordered their release.

ATLANTA: **Joe Galloway** has cut another notch in his career. He served last year as grand marshal of Georgia's Veteran's Day parade in downtown Atlanta wearing the signature hat of the U.S. Army Cavalry. Galloway, an OPC member, was a Vietnam War correspondent and co-author of a best-selling book on one of that war's major battles, "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young." From his home in Texas, Galloway continues to write a newspaper column that has been highly critical of U.S. policy in Iraq.



Grand marshal Joe Galloway waves to the crowd.

BARNSTABLE, Massachusetts:

A garbage collector who worked in her neighborhood has been found guilty of the rape and murder of **Christa Worthington**, a former fashion news correspondent in Paris who wrote for *Women's Wear Daily*, *Elle* and *The New York Times*. Christopher McCowen, 34, was sentenced in November to life in prison without parole. Worthington, 46, was found stabbed to death in her Cape Cod cottage Jan. 6, 2002, her 2-year-old daughter, who survives, at her side.



Christa Worthington

BEIJING: China announced in December that it will relax regulations on foreign correspondents so they may work more freely before and during the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. Foreign reporters now must obtain government approval before traveling or conducting interviews. Under the new rules, a foreign journalist need only obtain permission from the person to be interviewed. The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China conducted a campaign to convince the government to relax regulations, which the club argued were not becoming for an Olympic host nation (December *Bulletin*). OPC member **Melinda Liu** of *Newsweek* is president of the club, which applauded the new regulations and called on the government to make them permanent.

A Beijing appeals court has upheld the convictions of two Chinese journalists who work for U.S. and Singapore news-
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Welcome to Our New Members

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PEOPLE

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papers. **Zhao Yan**, 44, a researcher in *The New York Times* Beijing bureau, lost his appeal in December and probably will remain in prison until his three-year sentence ends in September. He was accused of taking a cash payment from a minor Jilin Province official for promising to help the official avoid serving in a forced labor camp. Zhao denied the payoff, which the prosecution said happened when the newsman was working for a local paper before joining the *Times*.

The spying conviction of **Ching Cheong**, chief China correspondent for *The Straits Times*, a Singapore daily, was upheld in November. Ching, 56, was sentenced to five years in prison on charges he took payoffs in exchange for gathering information for Taiwan. Based in Hong Kong, he was arrested in China's Guangdong Province in April 2005. His family continues to dispute the charges.

CARTAGO, Colombia: **Otoniel Sanchez**, a reporter for TV station CNC, went into hiding this past fall after receiving anonymous threatening telephone calls and a package containing three 9mm bullets with a note promising the same fate as his station's director, who was murdered in 2004. Sanchez fled into hiding the day after gunmen fired on his home. He received the threats after reporting irregularities in the management of a local skating rink. Three Colombian journalists have been murdered this year and seven others have fled for safety. In a letter to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Velez, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee wrote: "Our colleagues in Colombia work under intolerable conditions with an untenable choice: censor themselves, thereby failing to inform the public—or run the risk of being killed."

DOHA, Qatar: Here is an OPC Foundation Scholarship winner who is participating in broadcast history. **Rawya Rageh** has joined Al Jazeera's English-language TV channel, which started broadcasting in November. She is a news producer for the network based in Doha, Al Jazeera's headquarters, and will cover assign-



Rawya Rageh

ments in the Middle East and Africa. Born in Egypt, Rawya won last year's Dan Eldon Scholarship with an essay on the need for the world to pay attention to the humanitarian crisis in Sudan.

Alessandra Stanley, *The New York Times* media reporter, described Al Jazeera English this way: "It is an American style cable news network with jazzy newsrooms, poised, attractive anchors, flashy promos and sleek ads for Qatar Airways, Nokia and Shell." Correspondents hired for the English channel include **David Frost** of BBC; **David Marash**, a longtime ABC News "Nightline" correspondent; **Riz Khan**, a BBC and CNN veteran; and **Ghida Fakhry**, Lebanese Broadcast Corporation/Al-Hayat. Stanley wrote that Al Jazeera English provides American viewers "a window into how the world sees

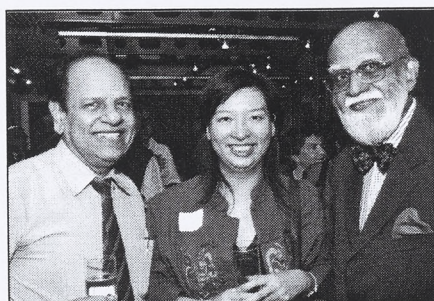


Ghida Fakhry and Dave Marash

us, or doesn't.... Al Jazeera English looks like CNN International and sounds like a cross of C-Span and Fox News: the stories are long and detailed (that's the C-Span part); behind the news reports is an overall sensibility that is different from that of most mainstream television news organizations (that's the Fox News part)." The channel broadcasts in color 24 hours a day from bureaus in London, Washington and Kuala Lumpur. It's on the Internet at english.aljazeera.net/news.

HO CHI MINH CITY: Nearly four decades after George W. Bush avoided military service in the Vietnam War, he finally made it to Vietnam. But the President stayed away from the hotels where correspondents and servicemen lived and worked during the war. **David E. Sanger** and **Helene Cooper** reported in *The New York Times* on Bush's overnight stop in the city once named Saigon: "He steered clear of the...sites that so dominated American politics in his youth, and spent the night at one of the gleaming new hotels that dot the skyline, rather than one of the old haunts, like the Continental, the Rex and the Caravelle." In a November tour through

Southeast Asia, Bush visited Singapore, attended an economic conference in Hanoi, flew to Saigon and stopped briefly in Bogor, Indonesia.



(l-r) M.P. Gopalan, managing editor of *Hong Kong Business*; Margaret Liu, the magazine's former advertising manager; and Vernon Ram

HONG KONG: About 100 of his friends gathered in the Foreign Correspondents' Club in November to celebrate the 80th birthday of OPC member **Vernon Ram**, a longtime correspondent in Hong Kong. The cocktail party was hosted by **V. G. Kulkarni**, former regional editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, and the toast was proposed by Vernon's former colleague **Jake Van der Kamp**, financial columnist for the daily *South China Morning Post*. After 16 years as sports editor and syndicated sports columnist at the *Indian Express* and *Times of India*, Vernon moved to Hong Kong in 1964 and over the years was an editor at four English-language newspapers. He now is a freelance writer.

LONDON: Before he died of radiation poisoning, Alexander Litvinenko, an exiled former Russian spy, was investigating the fatal shooting of **Anna Politkovskaya**, the Russian journalist who was highly critical of Russian policy in Chechnya. She was gunned down in her Moscow apartment building Oct. 7 (November *Bulletin*). Litvinenko publicly blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for her death. Less than two weeks later Litvinenko fell ill, poisoned with polonium 210, a rare and highly toxic radioactive isotope. He died in a London hospital Nov. 23. Scotland Yard called his death a murder, ruling out accidental poisoning or suicide. Friends said he may have breathed the isotope or swallowed it with food on Nov. 1, either in London's upscale Mayfair Millennium Hotel or a sushi bar. Litvinenko blamed his poisoning on Putin, whom he opposed, but Putin denied that he or his government

had anything to do with the poisoning. *Newsweek* wrote in December: "Earlier this year, the Russian Parliament explicitly authorized the use of force against enemies living abroad."

◆ **Clive Goodman**, a reporter for the tabloid *News of the World* who covered Britain's royal family, pleaded guilty in November to plotting to tap cell phone messages left for the family's staff. He also apologized to Prince Charles, Prince William and Prince Harry for a "gross invasion of privacy." Goodman was arrested last August and suspended from the paper (*October Bulletin*).

◆ **David Schlesinger**, a former OPC Board member, became editor-in-chief of Reuters in January, replacing **Geert Linnebank**, who was appointed a senior adviser to the company's chief executive. David had been global managing editor and head of editorial operations since 2003. He joined Reuters in 1987 as a correspondent in Hong Kong. In a statement, Reuters CEO **Tom Glocer** said Schlesinger "has steered editorial operations through strategic and structural change, while demonstrating concern and compassion for journalists facing the day-to-day problems of working under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions."

MIAMI: **Eric Newton**, founding managing editor of the Newseum, has been appointed vice president of the journalism program at the Knight Foundation. A former managing editor of the *Oakland Tribune*, he has been with the Knight Foundation since 2001. The foundation supports education of journalists, global press freedom, news and newsroom diversity, and new media in the public interest. Founded in Arlington, Virginia, the Newseum, the first news museum in the United States, has moved to Washington and once maintained a branch in New York City.

MOSCOW: Russia's Supreme Court in November overturned the acquittal of three men in the murder of U.S. journalist **Paul Klebnikov** and ordered a new trial before a new judge. Klebnikov, editor of the Russian edition of *Forbes*, was fatally shot outside his Moscow office in July 2004. Moscow City Court in May acquitted **Kazbek Dukuzov** and **Mussa Vakhaev** of murdering Klebnikov and **Fail Sadretdinov** of organizing the killing

(*June Bulletin*). In a letter to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee wrote: "We write to urge...that investigation of all aspects of this killing must continue. Many questions remain unanswered, especially who ordered Klebnikov's murder."

◆ Not all American news organizations are downsizing their foreign bureaus. OPC member **Jim Brooke**, who joined Bloomberg last fall as its Moscow bureau chief after nearly two decades as a *New York Times* foreign correspondent, reports: "Over the last year, Bloomberg has moved into a new office overlooking the Kremlin, has added a TV studio, and has doubled its news staff to 18 reporters and editors." Brooke reported that *The Los Angeles Times* did not replace Pulitzer Prize correspondent **Kim Murphy**, when she transferred to London, leaving **David Holley** alone for that paper in Moscow. And **Beth Knobel** of CBS News returned to New York in December. "With her departure, none of the big three traditional networks—ABC, CBS and NBC—have correspondents based in Moscow," Brooke wrote in an e-mail to OPC Executive Director **Sonya K. Fry**.

MOSUL, Iraq: **Aswan Ahmed Lutfallah**, 35, an AP television cameraman, was shot to death by insurgents Dec. 12 while covering clashes in this northern Iraq city. Lutfallah was having his car repaired when insurgents and police began fighting nearby. He rushed to cover the clash. Insurgents spotted him filming, approached him and shot him to death, the AP reported, quoting police. Lutfallah, the second AP cameraman shot to death in Mosul, was employed by AP Television News in 2005. The Committee to Protect Journalists said his death brought to 90 the number of journalists killed in Iraq.

NEW YORK: OPC Board member **David Fondiller** has joined The Boston Consulting Group as director of media relations for the Americas based in New York City. Previously, he was director of marketing and communications at Marakon Asso-



David Fondiller

Awards Deadlines Loom

Deadlines to enter the following journalism awards contests are fast approaching:

The Gracie Allen Awards

January 5

Website: www.awrt.org

World Press Photo Awards

January 11

Website: www.worldpressphoto.nl

The Peabody Awards

January 17

Website: www.peabody.uga.edu

ciates, a boutique management consultancy. A former business journalist and adjunct professor at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, Dave was editor of the *OPC Bulletin* from 1994-1996 and has served on the club's Admission Committee since 2002.

◆ On last month's 65th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, *The New York Times* published excerpts from a once-censored three-part series filed from Pearl Harbor by **Robert Trumbull**. In his 15,000-word dispatch, datelined Pearl Harbor Dec. 13 [1942], Trumbull wrote about the round-the-clock salvage work to rebuild the Pacific Fleet from the damage suffered in the Japanese attack: "What has been done here to put back into fighting trim the once proud warships that were unmercifully rent and shattered by bomb and torpedo, the ships pounded and broken into an unholy mess and then jammed by their own great weight into the muck of the harbor bottom, could scarcely be grasped by anyone who has not seen it." Trumbull spent his long *Times* career reporting from Asia and ending in Canada. This columnist once asked Bob what was the difference in reporting from Canada compared with Asia. He replied that in Canada when the temperature is 50, for example, you must write whether it's 50 above or below zero. An OPC member, Bob once told this writer that he was the only *Times* staff foreign correspondent who had never worked in the paper's New York City office. His books included "The Raft," published in 1942, an

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account of three U.S. Navy flyers who ditched their bomber in the Pacific and survived on a life raft for 34 days. The book remained in print for more than 30 years. Trumbull died in Honolulu in 1992.

The ax started falling at NBC News in November. At least 15 staffers at the news magazine "Dateline" were told they would lose their jobs. They included correspondents **Edie Magnus** and **Rob Stafford** and several producers, *TV Week*

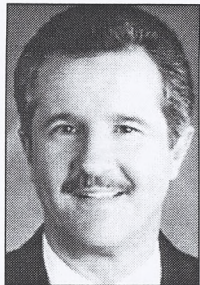


Jane Hanson



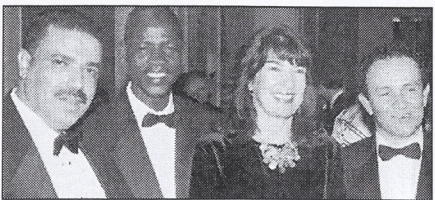
Joe Avellar

reported. "Today" will lay off two young staffers, a producer and a researcher, and one staffer will leave "Nightly News." Channel 4, NBC's New York station, dismissed three veteran reporters: **Jane Hanson**, anchor of "Jane's New York;" **Joe Avellar**, who reported for "Today in New York;" and medical reporter **Dr. Max Gomez**. The layoffs are part of the plan announced by NBC News to reduce its staff by about 300 people from its present 6,000 (December *Bulletin*).



Dr. Max Gomez

The Committee to Protect Journalists raised \$2.4 million, including a special gift of \$1 million, at its annual awards dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria in November. The dinner honored journalists **Jesús Abad Colorado** of Colombia, **Jamal Amer** of Yemen, **Madi Ceesay** of The Gambia and, posthumously,



(l-r) **Jesús Abad Colorado**, **Jamal Amer**, **Christiane Amanpour** and **Madi Ceesay**

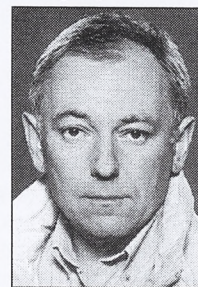
Atwar Bahgat, who was killed in Iraq in February. They were honored for reporting the news while under attack (November *Bulletin*). **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN correspondent, was the evening's host.

In 1967, **Murray Fromson**, then with CBS News, and **R. W. Apple Jr.** of *The New York Times* interviewed a U.S. Army general in the Mekong Delta who told them the Vietnam War "was likely to go on until someone gets tired and quits, which could take generations." The general told the reporters that he could not be quoted by name. Published in the *Times* and broadcast on CBS News, the anonymously-sourced comment enraged President Johnson and General Westmoreland, the top commander in Vietnam. Westmoreland died in 2005. After Apple died earlier this year, Fromson telephoned his source and asked to be released from the pledge of confidentiality. In an op-ed article published in *The New York Times* Dec. 11, Fromson, an OPC member, disclosed his source, three-star General Frederick Weyland, now 90 and living in Hawaii. Fromson wrote: "...our reports demonstrated how important it was and is for journalists to offer pledges of confidentiality to credible sources in order to report the kind of stories officials normally are reluctant to discuss. It was essential during the Vietnam War, as it is essential today in Iraq."

OPC member **Mike Wallace** of "60 Minutes" was awarded the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom of Speech and Expression Medal in December from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

The name of the winner of the 1980 Pulitzer Prize for spot news photography was kept secret, the only Pulitzer ever awarded to an unnamed writer or photographer. Late last year, *The Wall Street Journal* disclosed that the anonymous winner was **Jahangir Razmi**, a photographer for the Iranian newspaper *Ettel'at*. The paper kept his name off the photograph out of fear for his safety. His winning photo pictured the execution of 11 men by a firing squad in 1979, and UPI distributed the photo worldwide. The Pulitzer board announced it will honor Razmi at its May awards ceremony and present him with his certificate and \$10,000 prize. Razmi said he hopes to attend the Pulitzer ceremony.

OXFORD, England: An English coroner has ruled that British journalist **Terry Lloyd** was unlawfully shot to death by U.S. forces in southern Iraq March 22, 2003. During a U.S. and Iraqi firefight, Lloyd was wounded in the back, and then he was fatally shot while being taken away in a minibus for treatment (April 2003 *Bulletin*). "Terry Lloyd died following a gunshot to the head," Oxfordshire assistant deputy coroner Andrew Walker was quoted by CNN. "The evidence the bullet was fired by the Americans is overwhelming.... There is no doubt that the minibus presented no threat to the American forces.



Terry Lloyd

There is no doubt it was an unlawful act of fire upon the minibus." In Washington, the Defense Department said a U.S. investigation "determined that U.S. forces followed the applicable rules of engagement." Lloyd, 50, was a correspondent for Britain's Independent Television News (ITN). His Lebanese interpreter, **Hussein Osman**, also was killed in the shooting, and **Fred Nerac**, a French cameraman with them, is still missing and presumed dead. During the six-day coroner's inquest held last fall, video footage of the incident was shown and several British with knowledge of the shooting were questioned. U.S. authorities refused to allow American servicemen to testify, but written statements from American officers were introduced in the hearing.

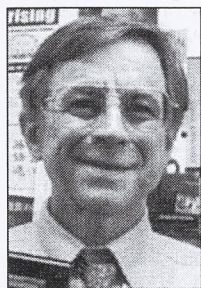
PARIS: Reporters Without Borders awarded its annual \$2,500 prizes to a journalist, a newspaper, a press freedom defender and a cyber-dissident. The winners: **U Win Tin**, 76, a Burmese journalist who was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1989 on charges of subversion and anti-government propaganda and refuses to recant despite suffering two heart attacks and a urinary infection while in jail; the Russian bi-weekly *Novaya Gazeta*, which investigates corruption in the Russian government and the newspaper for which **Anna Politkovskaya** was working when she was murdered in Moscow last year; Journalists in Danger, an organization in the Congo that reminds corrupt journalists of their duty and struggles to get the government to reform legislation under which journal-

ists are regularly sent to prison; and **Guillermo Fariñas Hernández**, head of the Cuban independent news agency Cubanacán who went on a hunger and thirst strike last year to demand access to a "free Internet" for all Cubans.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia:

Bernie Krisher, a retired news magazine correspondent in Asia, reports that he now has funded construction of 315 schools in rural Cambodia and contributions continue to arrive (www.cambodia-schools.com). Also, Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, son of retired King Norodom Sihanouk, was guest of honor at an October program celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Phnom Penh charity hospital Krisher founded, the Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope. In his New Year letter to friends, Krisher, 75, wrote that *New York Times* columnist **Nicholas Kristof**, an OPC member, wrote in *The New York Review of Books*: "...most foreign aid is lost through mismanagement and corruption but cited four private projects that succeed, ours among them." Starting this year, Krisher will invite a winner of an OPC Foundation Scholarship to intern at his English-language newspaper in Phnom Penh, the *Cambodian Daily*.

TOKYO: **Richard Hanson** received last year's first prize from the American



Richard Hanson Agricultural Editors Association in the Internet breaking news category for his report on U.S. beef shipment to Japan. During nearly three decades covering Japan, Hanson has been Tokyo bureau chief for *Asia Times*, the *London Times*, *The Financial Times* and AP-Dow Jones.

For **Rud Poats**, the passing years hit hard when he and his wife, Asia antique dealer Lee, revisited Tokyo late last year. A former OPC member, Rud was the 13th president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in 1954-1955. Photos of each past president hang on a club



Rud Poats
in the 1950s

wall. In a note to "People," Poats wrote, "My picture on the rogue's gallery wall looks increasingly unlike me. But Tokyo is more of everything—bigger, richer, cleaner, more friendly to *gaijin* [foreigners] than any other city in the world."

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations Correspondents Association has awarded its 2006 news coverage prizes to U.N. correspondents, \$10,000 to gold medal winners and \$5,000 to silver medal winners. The winners: print journalism gold medal to **Jess Bravin**, *The Wall Street Journal*, silver medals **George Jahn**, AP and **William Varner**, Bloomberg News; development and humanitarian coverage, joint gold to **Richard Kavuma**, *Weekly Observer* of Uganda and **Godwin Nnanna**, *Business Day* of Nigeria; gold medal, electronic coverage, to the BBC (**Dan McMillan**, **Mark Doyle**, **Karen Allen**, **Jackie Martens** and **Noel Mwakugu**); and silver medal to ABC of Australia (**Greg Wilesmith**, **Peter Curtis**, **Bryan Milliss** and **Zoe Daniel**).

WASHINGTON: Twelve senior print and broadcast editors will be meeting with political, economic and cultural leaders in Nigeria starting the last week in January. They were selected for Gatekeeper fellowships by the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University. They are **William Duryea**, *St. Petersburg Times*; **Ronald Dzwonkowski**, *Detroit Free Press*; **Stephanie Giry**, *Foreign Affairs*; **Roy M. Greene**, *Boston Globe*; **Carol Hills**, WGBH/BBC/PRI, based in Boston; **Karin Howard**, *Los Angeles Times*; **Rebecca Roberts**, *Journal-Star* of Lincoln, Nebraska; **Didrik Schanche**, National Public Radio; **David C. Scott**, *Christian Science Monitor*; **Karl Stark**, *Philadelphia Inquirer*; **Meghan Collins Sullivan**, *WashingtonPost.com*; and **June Thomas**, *Slate*. The program is administered by OPC member **John Schidlovsky**, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York is collaborating on the Nigeria trip.

National Public Radio-Bucksbaum International Fellowships were awarded to seven U.S. journalists who are spending 14 weeks focusing on countries of their choice. Starting in January, they are studying in Washington for nine weeks and then will spend five weeks of over-

seas reporting. The fellowship winners and the countries on which they will report are **Vanessa Gezari**, *St. Petersburg Times*, Liberia; **Steve Kiehl**, *Baltimore Sun*, Mexico; **Nikole Killion**, WJLA, Arlington, Virginia, South Africa; **Christina Larson**, *Washington Monthly*, China; **Shereen Meraji**, National Public Radio, Los Angeles, Lebanon; **Jessica Reaves**, *Chicago Tribune*, Senegal; and **Greg Warner**, WHYY-FM, Philadelphia, Afghanistan. Administered by Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, the fellowships are funded by Carolyn and Matthew Bucksbaum, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The New York Times Company Foundation and other organizations.

ZIHUATANEJO, Mexico: **Misael Tamayo Hernández**, editor of the daily *El Despertar de la Costa*, was found dead in a hotel room in this Pacific resort city, his hands tied behind his back and three puncture wounds on his body. Lying on a bed, nearly nude and covered only with a sheet, his body was found in November a day after his paper published articles on organized crime and corruption in the city government. "Many journalists have been attacked or killed in recent years in Mexico, presumably in revenge for unfavorable reports on criminals, including drug traffickers and corrupt government officials," the AP reported.

IN MEMORY

Cathy Fox Holstein, 54, who negotiated sale of publishing rights for American books to foreign publishers and wife of OPC Foundation President **Bill Holstein**, died in their Ossining, New York home Dec. 10 after an eight-month fight with lung cancer.



Cathy Fox Holstein During her 26-year career, Cathy worked for Random House, the Lois Wallace Literary Agency, Macmillan and Penguin Putnam. Most recently, she was a real estate agent in Pleasantville and Ardsley, New York. She lived in Hong Kong and Beijing when her husband was a UPI correspondent in those cities. Cathy is survived by Bill, her husband of 30 years, and their children, Jason and Alison. A memorial service, attended by about 200
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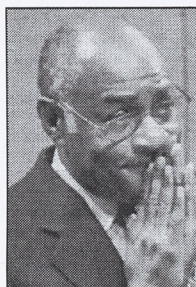
people, was held Dec. 16 at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Memorial contributions in her name can be sent to Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, 2 Lyon Place, White Plains, New York, 10601.

Years before TV correspondents could flash coverage live from world hot spots into our living rooms, **Jack** and **Barbara Wolf** did it the old way. They filmed stories with a cumbersome 16mm Bolex camera while traveling through Africa, the Mediterranean and Europe. They went into many troubled and dangerous areas to cover stories for the now defunct United Press Movietone, a TV partnership formed by the wire service and Twentieth Century-Fox Movietone. But years ago the Wolfs cut back on traveling because as Barbara said, "Our friends were getting killed, we'd been ambushed, everything in the world happened to us." But they did not slow down. Jack earned a PhD in English, taught at the State University of New York at Brockport and wrote 10 books. The couple co-authored "Mystery Tales from Deep Within," a novel set in the many places they had called home, including Casablanca, Beirut, Madrid and Paris. The book was published last August. The couple had no children, and Barbara said, "We never could have done what we've done if we had a family." Jack, a World War II veteran, died of heart problems Nov. 30 in their Rochester, New York home. He was 84.

Photojournalist **Leonard Freed**, 77, whose work from around the world was published in American and European magazines, died Nov. 29 at his home in Garrison, New York, after a long bout with prostate cancer. His picture essays reported on Poland, Asian immigration in England, North Sea oil developments, Spain since Franco, German society and his own Jewish roots. He shot four films for Japanese, Dutch and Belgian television. Freed was best known for his in-depth coverage of African-Americans during the civil rights movement. He handled assignments for *Life*, *Look*, *Paris-Match*, *Die Zeit*, *De Spiegel*, *Stern*, London's *Sunday Times Magazine*, *Libération* and *Fortune*. He published "Black in White America," a 1968 book about African-Americans from Harlem

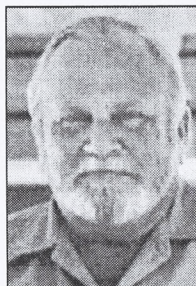
through the South, and "Police Work," a 1980 book about New York City police.

In 2001 *New York Times* executive editor **Howell Raines** and managing editor **Gerald M. Boyd** "were faced...with the immense task of covering the news events of a generation: the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan," the *Times* wrote this past November. "But the revelation of [Times reporter] **Jayson Blair's** string of deceptions cut the foundation out from under Mr. Boyd and Mr. Raines. Newsroom complaints about the pair's management style reached a peak, forcing their resignations." Boyd died Nov. 23 in New York of complications from lung cancer at age 56. He was the first black journalist to serve as the *Times* metropolitan editor and managing editor. **Bill Keller**, now the paper's executive editor, issued a statement after Boyd died: "Gerald was a newsman. He knew how to mobilize a reporting team and surround a story so that nothing important was missed. He knew how to motivate and inspire. And, tough and demanding as he could be, he had a huge heart. He left the paper under sad circumstances, but despite all of that he left behind a great reservoir of respect and affection." After his resignation, Boyd worked as a consultant in journalism and kept an office at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. In his unpublished memoir, Boyd wrote, "I learned to survive by learning to rely on no one other than myself."



Gerald M. Boyd
in 2003

Smith Hempstone, 77, a correspondent in Africa before he became U.S. ambassador to Kenya, died Nov. 19 in Bethesda, Maryland of complications from diabetes. After serving in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War, Hempstone joined the *Chicago Daily News* as its Africa correspondent, and his reporting included Kenya's war for independence. He also worked for *The Washington Star* as a foreign correspondent and editor of its



Smith Hempstone

editorial page; syndicated columnist of "Our Times," which went to 90 newspapers; and from 1982-1985 executive editor and editor-in-chief of *The Washington Times*. He wrote two books on Africa. From 1989-1993 Hempstone was ambassador to Kenya, where he pushed so hard for democracy that the one-party government denounced him as a racist and demanded his recall. His life threatened twice, he carried a gun and took canapés from the back of the tray at diplomatic receptions on the theory that they would be less likely to be poisoned. His dream of multiparty elections in Kenya was realized in late 1992, shortly before his departure. His interest in Africa may have been inspired by **Ernest Hemingway**. *The New York Times* reported that when Hempstone was on his honeymoon in Venice in 1954, he knocked on the door of a suite occupied by Hemingway, who invited him and said, "Been in Africa? You ought to go. Africa's man country—fish, hunt, write. The best."

Dean Brelis 82, a former foreign correspondent for NBC, CBS and *Time*, died in Santa Monica, California, Nov. 17 of complications from throat cancer. He was a *Time-Life* correspondent from 1949-1954, and in 1958 published his first novel, "The Mission," which was loosely based on his experiences in Burma. Two more novels followed: "Shalom" in 1959 and "My New-Found Land" in 1963. In the early 1960s, Brelis joined NBC News, filing dispatches from the Middle East, North Africa, Cyprus and Vietnam before anchoring the nightly news on KNBC-TV in Los Angeles in 1967. That year he collaborated with photojournalist **Jill Krentenz** on "The Face of South Vietnam," a nonfiction work that examined the war's impact. After a stint with CBS News, Brelis returned to *Time* in 1974 as a correspondent in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. "I usually cover wars, politics and disasters," he said in 1986, two years before he retired. During World War II, he served in military intelligence with the Office of Strategic Services, precursor of the CIA, and was awarded the Bronze Star while based in Burma.

Nicholas Proffitt, 63, a *Newsweek* war correspondent, died of kidney cancer Nov. 10 at his home in Naples, Florida. After three years in the U.S. Army and earning a journalism degree at the University of Arizona in 1968, he joined

Newsweek's Los Angeles bureau. A year later, the magazine assigned him to Vietnam, where he became Saigon bureau chief. In April 1975, after three years reporting on civil strife in Lebanon, he returned to Vietnam to cover the last weeks of the Vietnam War. He also was *Newsweek* bureau chief in London, Houston and Nairobi. After retiring from the magazine in 1981, Proffitt began writing novels including 1983's "Gardens of Stone," inspired by his duty as a U.S. Army honor guard at Arlington National Cemetery.



**Nicholas Proffitt
in 1973**

◆ **Stanley Meltzoff**, 89, a *Stars & Stripes* staff artist in Europe during World War II, died Nov. 9 in Fair Haven, New Jersey. A skin diver since childhood, he became an underwater artist after the war. He dived to great depths to photograph sea life and then, in his studio, transformed the images into paintings for magazines including *Sports Illustrated*, *Scientific American*, *National Geographic* and *Field & Stream*. He painted landscapes and historical subjects for *Life*, *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Colliers*. Meltzoff traveled from Long Island and Key West to atolls in the Pacific and Mediterranean to watch bonefish mate six inches below the surface and to photograph sharks, eels and goliath groupers at depths of 100 feet or more.

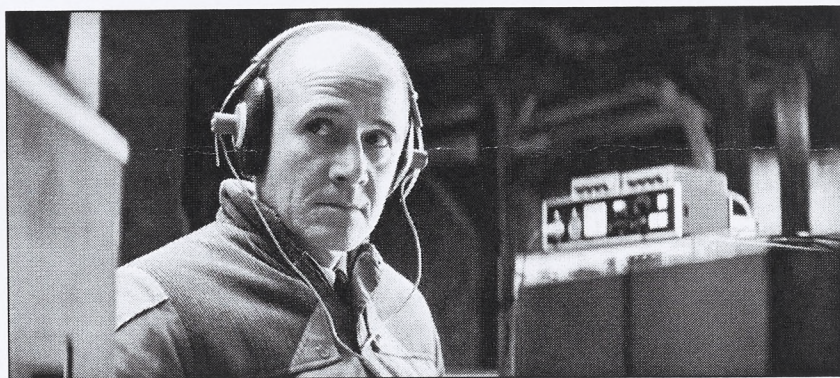
◆ OPC member **Ross McKee**, 93, a newspaper columnist, consultant and philanthropist, died Aug. 19 at his summer home in Avondale, Newfoundland. Since 1974, he had lived in Key West, Florida. He started as a copy boy at the New York *Daily News* and ended his business career as public affairs director of Columbia Gas System. Writing under the pen name **D. J. Swift**, he wrote a national affairs column in the *Key West Citizen* for 13 years beginning in 1980. For 10 years he taught economics in a New Canaan, Connecticut, high school and later was a volunteer teacher at Key West High School, teaching poetry, history, international relations and other subjects. Ross established an annual scholarship at Key West High School in 2000, and he contributed to many organizations including Princeton University, schools,

community theater and the Florida Land and Sea Trust which he founded to preserve the salt ponds and hardwood hammocks of the Florida Keys. He served in Burma during World War II.

◆ Magazine work dominated the life of OPC wife and step-mother, **Elizabeth Pope Frank**. She joined the staff of *Look* in 1936 and two years later married the magazine's founding editor, **Vernon Pope**. A year after her 1961 divorce, she married **Morton Frank**, an OPC member who before his death in 1989 was publisher, president and CEO of the Sunday supplement *Family Weekly*. She was the step-mother of **Allan Dodds Frank**, a Bloomberg News correspondent, longtime OPC member, board member of the OPC Foundation and also second vice president of the OPC board. During her long career, **Betty Frank** contributed to *McCall's*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Redbook* and *Reader's Digest*.

She was features and articles editor of *Good Housekeeping* for 17 years. After retiring in 1977, she was an editorial consultant to *Family Circle* magazine. She won numerous writing awards, and at *Good Housekeeping* she assigned articles to young writers who included **Barbara Walters**, **Joyce Brothers** and **Joyce Maynard**. Suffering from Alzheimer's disease and emphysema, **Betty Frank** died last year, on Jan. 30, in Highstown, New Jersey. She was 91.

CORRECTION: The late **Keyes Beech** was a longtime correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News*, not the *Chicago Tribune* as reported in the December *Bulletin*. Keyes covered the Korean and Vietnam Wars and while based in Tokyo made reporting trips throughout Asia. Keyes' daughter, **Hannah**, now is based in Bangkok as *Time* correspondent for Southeast Asia after being based in China for the magazine.



HAGEN KELLER

Ulrich Mühe listens in as Captain Gerd Wiesler.

OPC Screens 'Lives of Others'

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At once a riveting political thriller and moving human drama, the film "The Lives of Others" begins in East Berlin in 1984, five years before the fall of the Berlin Wall, and ultimately takes us to a reunited Germany in 1991. Captain Gerd Wiesler, a Stasi officer (East German secret police) has a mission to spy on a celebrated playwright and actress couple. As Wiesler turns from an observer of people's lives to a manipulator and participant, he becomes entangled in an increasingly dangerous game.

This Sony Pictures Classics film has won three European Film Awards and

seven Lola Awards and is Germany's entry for this year's foreign language film Academy Award.

Joe Morgenstern of *The Wall Street Journal* wrote that "Writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck has managed to illuminate one of the darkest corners of East Germany's history with a dramatist's zest for complexity and showman's instinct for a terrific tale."

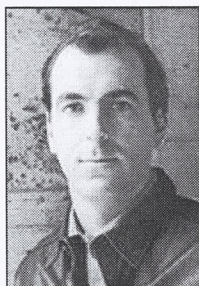
The OPC preview screening will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6pm at the Magno/Review 1 Screening Room, 729 Seventh Avenue (2nd floor) located between 48th & 49th Streets. Reservations required because of limited seating. Call the OPC office at 212-626-9220.

New Books

EUROPE

THEY WERE WAR HEROES

about whom Americans knew little. That was how OPC member **Jack Pulwers** described the young American airmen who defied U.S. neutrality laws in 1940 by going to England to fight in the Battle of Britain against the Nazis. On a nationally-broadcast C-Span 2 TV program, Pulwers reviewed the book "The Few: The American Knights of the Air Who Risked Everything to Fight in the Battle of Britain" [Cambridge, Massachusetts: Da Capo Press], written by journalist-historian **Alex Kershaw**. Pulwers commented: "Seeking high adventure,



Alex Kershaw

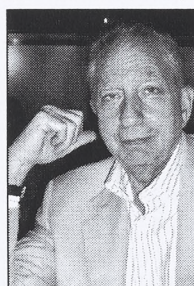
these few American pilots defied the threat of extermination in Hitler's famous Directive Number 17 that he would wipe Britain off the face of the earth and those who waged war against the Third Reich....

These few Americans served the British and Allied cause well and single handedly helped to down the German raiders out of the air."

MIDDLE EAST

WITHOUT THE SUPPORT, betrayals and intrigues of Western leaders and businessmen, Saddam

Hussein never would have wreaked the horrors that he did. So argues **Barry M. Lando** in "Web of Deceit: The History of Western Complicity in Iraq, From Churchill to Kennedy to George W. Bush" [New York: Other Press]. Lando, a former *Time-Life* correspondent and for 25 years a producer for "60 Minutes," charts the history of foreign involvement in Iraq over the past 85 years. He starts with the British, who established the country in 1920-1921. He describes how the CIA under President Kennedy furnished the Baath party with its death list; President Nixon and Henry Kissinger's betrayal of the Kurds in 1975; President Carter encouraging Saddam to go to war against Iran; and Presidents Reagan and George H. W. Bush's support of Saddam in the longest war of the 20th century. The author opens his book: "The modern nation of Iraq, an artificial creation of foreigners preoccupied with empire and oil, was from the beginning a tenuous mixture of ethnic groups, tribes and religion." He ends his last chapter: "Though bringing democracy to Iraq was the only rationale Bush had left to justify the invasion, that lofty cause was last-minute window dressing. Indeed, allowing the Iraqis a real choice in their future had always been a *threat* to the great powers, not a goal. What counted was who controlled the region and its resources – not whether they were freely elected by the people."



Barry Lando

OPC member **Mike Wallace** calls the book "a compelling must-read that goes far beyond the current crop of books on Iraq. Lando uses his investigative skills to dig into the sordid history of western relations with Iraq....The book follows an appalling trail of western cynicism, betrayal, and deceit since the country was founded. It is an indictment of western leaders from Winston Churchill to Jacques Chirac, to every American president from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush. If you want to understand Iraq, this is the book."

NORTH AMERICA

HE HAS A DAY JOB, but he has found time to write 16 novels. **Jim Lehrer**, anchor of the PBS "News Hour," spins the story of Hugo Marder in his latest novel, "The Phony Marine" [New York: Random House]. Marder is a middle-aged suit salesman in Washington, D.C. In an online auction, he sees a Silver Star medal for sale that once belonged to a U. S. Marine lieutenant. Marder buys the medal and wears its lapel button in public. Everyone he meets treats him with the respect he is not accustomed to. So he decides to act like he's a former Marine. He shaves his head and works out to get in shape. His path of deception eventually leads him to heroism during a courtroom shooting.



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